

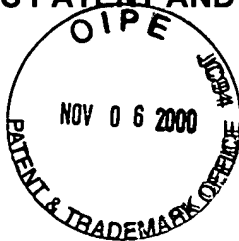
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), the information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed:

- ☐ within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application; or
- ☒ if after the filing date, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
Information Disclosure Statement**

The following sections are being submitted for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ Statements as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publication (Information not listed in PTO 1449 (Modified)).
3. ☒ FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
4. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

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5. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Section 2. Statements as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publication (Information not listed in PTO 1449 (Modified)).

Prior to Applicant's invention, to Applicant's knowledge, an individuals personal computer (PC) could only be accessed via a network using specialized software such as PC Anywhere, windows dial up networking, or a client server system which has a limited number of station locations. This requires very specialized software at both locations along with periodic maintenance at both locations. The worst part of this situation is that each individual is responsible for upgrading, both his hardware and software. The PC obsolescence rate is approximately every eighteen months and is not expected to change in the next twenty years. Both of these problems make using a personal computer very time consuming (low productivity) and location restrictive (inconvenient) at best.

The two current basic solutions to these PC problems revolve around (a) the portable computer and (b) the attempt to expand and simplify client/server systems.

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The portable computer industry has grown rapidly to try and eliminate the location restrictions, but portable PC machines suffer from the same obsolescence problems along with another major inconvenience. That of having to carry a computer when traveling and batteries etc.

The solution by the so called "thin client" PC networks is to connect inexpensive PC's (referred to as thin clients) to a company network so employees do not have to maintain as many files at their locations. Such approaches are practical for the work place where many files are shared, but not for the individuals Personal Computer where no files are shared.

Section 3. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

- ☒ [X] A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.
- ☐ [] No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

- ☒ [X] Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.


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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ [] supplied by the inventor(s)
- ☒ [X] supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
- ☒ [X] in the attorney's file

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